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TO THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, AND TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1332, 1367, 1441, 1446 and 1453, defendants KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., KBS Holdings LLC, KBS Capital Markets Group LLC, KBS Capital Advisors LLC, Peter M. Bren, Charles H. Schreiber, Jr., Keith Hall, Peter McMillan III and David E. Snyder (collectively the "Defendants") hereby remove the action entitled Judith Woodruff, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., et al., Superior Court of the State of California, For the County of Marin, Case No. CIV 1300964 (the "State Court Action"), to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California on the grounds set forth herein.

INTRODUCTION I.

- On or about March 12, 2013, certain of the Defendants received 1. service of a Summons and Class Action Complaint (the "Complaint") in the State Court Action. A copy of the Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- The Complaint seeks compensatory damages in favor of the Plaintiff and several putative classes, interest and prejudgment interest, attorneys' fees and expenses, rescission, refund and disgorgement. (Exhibit A, Prayer for Relief.) Count I of the Complaint purports to be brought on behalf of a putative class (the "Class") consisting of all investors who purchased interests in KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. ("KBS REIT") during the period between March 5, 2008 and April 10, 2012 and/or all owners of common stock in KBS REIT. (Exhibit A, Paragraphs 70(a) and 70(c) and Count I.) Counts II and III of the Complaint purport to be brought on behalf of a putative subclass consisting of all investors who purchased interests in KBS REIT pursuant to its Dividend Reinvestment Plan during the period between March 5, 2008 and April 10, 2012. (Exhibit A, Paragraph 70(b) and Counts II and III.) EAST\55516521.2

THIS COURT HAS JURISDICTION UNDER CAFA II.

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	3.	Defendants remove the State Court Action to this Court pursuant to the
Class	Action	Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA"), Pub. L. 109-2, § 1(a), 119 Stat. 4
Feb.	18, 20	05), codified under 28 U.S.C. Sections 1332(d) and 1453. CAFA
orovi	des thi	s Court with original jurisdiction over this action and authorizes the
Defe	ndants	to remove the State Court Action from the California state court to this
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- CAFA vests district courts with original jurisdiction over putative class 4. actions when the aggregate amount in controversy for all putative class members exceeds \$5 million (exclusive of interest and costs) and when any member of the putative class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a state different from any defendant. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2). These requirements are satisfied in this action, as set forth below.
- Neither the permissive nor mandatory provisions of CAFA for 5. declining original jurisdiction are applicable to this action. Accordingly, as discussed further below, federal jurisdiction is mandatory under CAFA.
- This Court is the proper district court for removal because the Superior Court of the State of California, for the County of Marin, is located within the Northern District of California.
 - This is a Putative Class Action.
- This action is a putative civil class action under 28 U.S.C. Section 7. 1332(d)(2) and may be removed to this Court under 28 U.S.C. Section 1453(b). A "class action," as defined by CAFA, is:

any civil action filed under rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or similar state statute or rule of judicial procedure authorizing an action to be brought by 1 or more representative persons as a class action. (28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d)(1)(B), 1453(a).)

As described in Paragraph 2 above, Plaintiff Judith Woodruff (the "Plaintiff") filed the State Court Action as a putative class action on behalf of

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herself and the Class under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 382. (See

California Code of Civil Procedure Section 382, which is analogous to Federal Rule

CAFA confers jurisdiction over class actions "in which the matter in

Exhibit A, ¶ 70.) Class actions are permitted under California law pursuant to

controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and

costs." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2). Furthermore, "[i]n any class action, the claims of

individual class members shall be aggregated to determine whether the matter in

controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and

the Plaintiff and the Class exceeds the statutory threshold.

costs." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(6). CAFA's amount in controversy requirement is

satisfied here because, on the face of the Complaint, the monetary relief sought by

that omission cannot prevent removal under CAFA. See 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(2)

(notice of removal may assert amount in controversy if pleading seeks a money

judgment, but State practice either does not permit demand for a specific sum or

of members of the class who purchased the Company's common stock" and that

proceeds of \$1.7 billion." (Exhibit A, ¶71.) The Complaint seeks compensatory

monies." (Exhibit A, Prayer for Relief (b), (d).) Thus, although Defendants deny

"over 171,109,494 shares were sold in the primary offering for gross offering

damages, rescission, refund of monies paid and disgorgement of "ill-gotten

permits recovery of damages in excess of the amount demanded).

any liability, the requisite amount is in controversy.

The Complaint does not state a specific amount in controversy, but

Here, the Complaint alleges that there are "hundreds, if not thousands,

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C. The Requisite Diversity is Present.

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- 12. Under CAFA, diversity is satisfied when "any member of a class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a State different from any defendant." (28 U.S.C.
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- $\S1332(d)(2)(A)$.) Diversity is satisfied here.
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- Procedure, Rule 23, where any member of a class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a State
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- different from any defendant, i.e., where there is diversity of citizenship between any one plaintiff class member and any one defendant. See 28 U.S.C. §
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- 1332(d)(2)(A).
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- 14. The Plaintiff does not specify her state of residence in the Complaint.

CAFA provides for diversity jurisdiction under Federal Rules of Civil

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- (Exhibit A, ¶ 4.) She does allege that she is a KBS shareholder and has been since
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- April 7, 2008. (Id., ¶ 17.) The Defendants' shareholder records indicate that the
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- Plaintiff resides in Irving, New York and purchased shares in the state of Arizona.
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- See DiMeglio v. Italia Crociere Internazionale, 502 F. Supp. 316, 319 (1980) (for

purposes of removal to federal court, defendant should ascertain plaintiff's

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- citizenship if not stated in pleadings). Accordingly, the Defendants are informed
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- and believe and therefore allege that the Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of New
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- 15. The Plaintiff alleges that the putative class contains "hundreds, if not
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- thousands" of members who are located in "geographically dispersed areas." (See
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- Exhibit A, ¶ 71.) The Defendants' shareholder records indicate that the members of
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- the Class are located in numerous states throughout the United States, and that fewer than one-third of such individuals are citizens of the State of California.
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- Defendant KBS REIT is a Maryland corporation with its principal
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- place of business in Newport Beach, California. (KBS REIT does not, contrary to
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- California.) Defendant KBS Holdings, LLC is a Delaware limited liability

an allegation in Paragraph 18 of the Complaint, have offices in San Rafael,

company with its principal place of business in Newport Beach, California. 28

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Defendant KBS Capital Markets Group LLC is a California limited liability
company with its principal place of business in Newport Beach, California.
Defendant KBS Capital Advisors LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with
its principal place of business in Newport Beach, California.

- Defendant Peter M. Bren is a citizen of the State of New York. 17. Defendant Charles H. Schreiber is a citizen of the State of California. Defendant Keith Hall is a citizen of the State of California. Defendant Peter McMillan III is a citizen of the State of California. Defendant David E. Snyder is a citizen of the State of California.
- CAFA's diversity of citizenship requirement is satisfied. The 18. Defendants are citizens of multiple states (at least California, Maryland, Delaware, and New York). The Defendants are informed and believe that the Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of New York. Members of the Class are citizens of numerous states. Therefore, at least one member of the Class is a citizen of a state different from at least one defendant, within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. §1332(d)(2)(A).
- The diversity that exists in this action not only satisfies the minimal diversity of citizenship requirement under CAFA, but also precludes application of the exceptions set forth in 28 U.S.C. Sections 1332(d)(3) and (d)(4) because fewer than one-third of the members of the Class are citizens of the State of California.

THE REQUIREMENTS OF 28 U.S.C. § 1446 ARE MET III.

- This Notice of Removal Is Timely Filed. A.
- The Defendants have timely filed this Notice of Removal within 30 20. days of the date on which certain of the Defendants first received the Summons and Complaint. See 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). Copies of the notices of service are attached hereto as Exhibit "B."
 - Other Procedural Requirements. B.
- Section 1446(a) requires a removing party to provide this Court a copy 21. of all "process, pleadings and orders" served on it in the State Court Action. A EAST\55516521.2

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copy of the Complaint is attached as Exhibit "A." A copy of the Summons is attached as Exhibit "C." Copies of the Civil Case Cover Sheet and all other papers served on Defendants are attached hereto as Exhibit "D." The Defendants have not yet responded to the Complaint.

- Exhibits A, C, and D constitute all of the pleadings, process and orders 22. in the State Court Action.
- Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1446(d), the Defendants are 23. simultaneously filing a copy of this Notice of Removal of Action with the state court in the State Court Action.
- By virtue of this removal, none of the Defendants waives the right to assert any personal jurisdictional defense or other motions including Rule 12 motions and/or motions to compel arbitration permitted by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

WHEREFORE, the Defendants respectfully submit that CAFA applies to this action because (i) the Class contains over 100 members, (ii) at least one member of the Class is a citizen of a state different from at least one Defendant, (iii) the aggregate amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million based upon the allegations of the Complaint, and (iv) the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1446 are met. For these reasons, this action is properly removed to this Court.

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EXHIBIT A

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I. INTRODUCTION

I. Plaintiff, Judith Woodruff ("Plaintiff"), by her undersigned attorneys, alleges upon personal knowledge as to herself and her own acts, and upon information and belief as to all other matters, based on the investigation conducted by and through Plaintiff's counsel, which included, among other things, a review of announcements issued by KBS REIT Inc. ("KBS" or the "Company") and its affiliates, wire and press releases published by or regarding KBS, press releases and letters published by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and other information readily obtainable on the internet.

II. NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 2. This is a class action brought on behalf of investors who purchased KBS common stock pursuant to the public offering occurring between March 5, 2008 and April 10, 2012 (the "Class")pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment Plan offering between February 19, 2008 and April 10, 2012 ("the DRP class"); and all KBS shareholders against KBS, its affiliates and certain of their officers and directors for violations of California statutory and common law and against KBS' officers and directors for breaching their fiduciary duty of loyalty and care.
- 3. KBS is a real estate investment trust ("REIT"). The purpose of a REIT is to pool the capital of many investors in order to purchase and manage real property that produces a stream of income. Investors purchase shares in the REIT and are paid a regular dividend based on the income produced by the real property assets. Investors also benefit from the appreciation of the assets over time.
- 4. In order to qualify as a REIT, the company must affirmatively elect to be taxed as a REIT and must satisfy a number of requirements. For one, the company must distribute 90% of its net income to shareholders annually. In addition, the company must derive 75% of its gross income from investments in real property.
- 5. The REIT structure offers a number of benefits, in particular favorable tax treatment. More specifically, REITs do not pay tax at the corporate level; rather, investors are taxed at their individual tax rate for the ordinary income portion of the dividend. REITs also offer investors (a)

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- "Non-traded REITs" are not registered for trading on any exchange. As a result, their share prices do not fluctuate with changes in the portfolio or economic conditions and are not closely monitored by securities analysts. Investors in non-traded REITs generally expect the sponsor to list the shares on a national securities exchange within a five to seven year period.
- To achieve a promised return on their principal, investors depend on accurate accounting of the REIT business and legitimate, transparent operations. Investors who seek to sell non-traded REIT shares before such shares are listed on a national exchange are limited to either: (i) reselling (usually at a discount) to the sponsor, an option that is only available if the sponsor has a redemption program in place; or (ii) reselling in an inefficient secondary market, which usually results in a severe discount.
- Until recently, Plaintiff reasonably believed that KBS was performing satisfactorily 8. and would and could continue paying dividends, and that she was likely to recover her principal at the end of the investment term. Given that KBS was a non-traded REIT, there was no public market to provide a check on the value of KBS. Plaintiff could not have learned the truth about KBS's operations before the Company suspended its dividend payments in March 2012 and announced that KBS's common stock, sold to Plaintiff and other members of the Class during the offering for \$10.00 per share, was now valued at \$4.88 per share, a decline of more than 50% that represents a loss of approximately \$850 million to the Company's shareholders.
- 9. KBS and Defendants herein sold shares in the KBS REIT through materially false and misleading statements to Plaintiff and members of the class. Defendants touted that KBS would operate according to its stated objective to "provide [shareholders] attractive and stable cash distributions and preserve and return [shareholders'] capital contributions." Defendants further claimed that they would "use substantially all of the net proceeds from the Offering to invest in a diverse portfolio of real estate assets . . . " and that the KBS REIT would be managed prudently and conservatively. These statements were materially misleading when they were made. Defendants did not use substantially all of the net proceeds from the offerings of KBS shares to invest in a

diverse portfolio of real estate assets; instead, proceeds from sales of additional shares of KBS REIT were used to pay dividends to existing investors to make KBS REIT appear to be a safe and well-performing REIT. Moreover, Defendants failed to operate the KBS REIT to preserve investors' capital; instead, Defendants paid out investors' capital as dividends to make it appear that KBS was a well-performing REIT.

- 10. Thus, Contrary to their public statements, and in breach of their duties owed to the Plaintiff and other members of the Class, Defendants did not operate, and have not operated, KBS in such a manner as to maximize current and long-term net income and the value of the REIT's assets. At no point did KBS legitimately follow the investment objectives of providing stable cash distributions and returns to shareholders on capital contributions. Indeed, during the relevant time period, Defendants were paying unsustainable distributions to the investors in amounts that exceeded the operating income generated from the properties and were repurchasing shares at an inflated value in order to prevent the development of a secondary market, which would have revealed the true value of the Company's stock. Further, Defendants did not fairly inform investors that the Company's investment strategies would result in a loss of a substantial portion of investors' principal unless the acquired properties appreciated greatly in value.
- 11. Defendants paid distributions despite a lack of sufficient cash flows from operations, and hid the true value of KBS REIT shares, in order to attract investors to their follow-up REITs, KBS REIT II and KBS REIT III. Defendants made over \$198 million dollars in selling commissions and dealer manager fees to KBS affiliates alone, by forming and selling additional REITS to new investors. By prematurely paying distributions to KBS REIT shareholders, Defendants established the appearance of a track record of steady returns to investors to induce investments in KBS REIT II and KBS REIT III. In reality, about a year after the KBS REIT II offering ended, Defendants ceased paying distributions to KBS REIT shareholders and admitted that the KBS REIT shares had lost over half of their initially represented value. Defendants breached their duty of loyalty to Plaintiff and the class as they declared and paid dividends from new investors' money despite the fact that KBS had insufficient profits from operations to cover the

dividend payments, and did so for the sole purpose of allowing them to form and sell new REITs thereby pocketing millions in offering fees and commissions.

12. KBS REIT's assurances convinced investors to participate in the offerings for KBS REIT I, KBS REIT II and KBS REIT III raising roughly \$3.7 billion. The following chart shows the opening and closing dates for each of the Company's offerings:

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	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Present	Number Shares Sold	Amount Raised
KBS. REIT I	1/27/06 opens		5/30/08 closes						171,109,494	\$1.7 billion
KBS REIT II			4/22/08 opens		12/31/10 closes				179,185,669	\$1.8 billion
KBS REIT III				•		3/24/11 opens		Offering through 10/26/13	20,971,445	\$208.9 million

13. By soliciting the investments of the Plaintiff in the non-registered REIT, Defendants assumed a duty to deal fairly and forthrightly with the Plaintiff. The practice and course of conduct described in this complaint are a direct violation of that duty and Defendants knew that Plaintiff and the other members of the Class were likely to be misled by their actions, causing financial injury. Plaintiff brings this action individually and on behalf of all other persons or entities that purchased or acquired shares in KBS and suffered losses and damages as a result of Defendants' violations of law.

III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 14. The claims alleged herein arise under Sections 25400-25403 and 25500-25501 of the California Corporations Code and the California common law for breach of fiduciary duty.
- 15. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this lawsuit pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 410.10. Damages exceed the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.
- 16. Venue is proper in this Court as Defendant KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. maintains its principal place of business in California, Defendant KBS Capital Markets Group, LLC

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is a California limited liability company, all other Defendants have conducted or transacted business in the State of California, and many of the acts and practices complained of herein occurred in substantial part in California.

IV. PARTIES

- 17. Plaintiff, Judith Woodruff, purchased 1,200 shares of KBS stock on April 7, 2008, continues to own those shares and has been damaged thereby.
- 18. Defendant KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. is a Maryland corporation with offices in San Rafael and Newport Beach, California. The Company was formed on June 13, 2005 for the purpose of operating as a real estate investment trust ("REIT").
- 19. Defendant KBS Holdings, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with continuous and systematic business contacts within the State of California. KBS Holdings, LLC is the sole owner of KBS Capital Markets Group, LLC and KBS Capital Advisors, LLC. KBS Holdings is the one hundred percent owner and manager of KBS Capital Markets Group LLC and KBS Capital Advisors LLC. KBS Holdings, LLC is owned equally by three firms: GKP Holding LLC (50% owned by Peter McMillian III, 50% owned by Keith D. Hall), PBren Investments, L.P. (100% owned by Peter M. Bren) and Schreiber Real Estate Investments, L.P. (100% owned by Charles J. Schreiber, Jr.). KBS Holdings receives selling commissions and asset management fees for each KBS REIT offering.
- 20. Defendant KBS Capital Advisors, LLC, an affiliate of KBS Realty Advisors, LLC (collectively the "KBS Advisor"), is a Delaware limited liability company with continuous and systematic business contacts within the State of California. KBS Capital Advisors, LLC is the advisor to KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., and oversees the acquisition, management and disposition of the Company's portfolio assets. KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. has no employees of its own. Instead, KBS Capital Advisors, LLC manages and conducts the operation of the Company pursuant to a written Advisory Agreement and makes recommendations on all investments to the KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.'s Board of Directors. KBS Capital Advisors, LLC receives asset management fees and acquisition fees for each KBS REIT offering.

- 21. Defendant KBS Capital Markets Group, LLC is a California limited liability company. KBS Capital Markets Group, LLC is an affiliate of KBS Capital Advisors, LLC and was retained by KBS REIT as the Dealer Manager to conduct the primary offering of KBS REIT shares. KBS Capital Markets Group receives selling commissions and dealer manager fees for each KBS REIT offering.
- 22. Defendant KBS Realty Advisors LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with continuous and systematic business contacts within the State of California. KBS Realty is the investment advisor to KBS-affiliated programs and investors. KBS Realty Advisors receives fees for each KBS REIT offering.
- 23. Defendant Peter M. Bren ("Bren") has been the President of KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., President of KBS Capital Advisors, LLC, Chairman of the Board and President of KBS Realty Advisors, LLC since KBS REIT's inception. Mr. Bren is a resident of New York. Mr. Bren is also the President of KBS REIT II and KBS REIT III, and a member of the KBS REIT II and KBS REIT III Boards of Directors. Mr. Bren benefitted from the asset management, selling commissions and other fees paid to the KBS affiliates of which he owns over a thirty-three percent stake.
- 24. Defendant Charles J. Shreiber, Jr. ("Shreiber") has been the Chief Executive Officer of KBS Realty Advisors and its affiliate KBS Capital Advisors, and Chairman of KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. since the Company's inception. Mr. Shreiber is also the Chief Executive Officer and Director of KBS REIT II and the Chairman of the KBS REIT II Board of Directors. Mr. Shreiber holds the same positions at KBS REIT III. Mr. Schrieber is a resident of California. Mr. Shreiber benefitted from the asset management, selling commissions and other fees paid to the KBS affiliates of which he owns over a thirty-three percent stake.
- 25. Defendant Keith Hall ("Hall") is the Executive Vice President of the Board of Directors of KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and has been in that position since the Company's inception. Mr. Hall is also the Executive Vice President of KBS REIT II and a member of the KBS REIT II Board of Directors. Mr. Hall holds the same positions at KBS REIT III. Mr.

- 26. Defendant Peter McMillan, III ("McMillan") is the Executive Vice President of KBS Capital Advisors, and Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of the KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., and has held those positions since the Company's inception. Mr. McMillan is the Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Director of KBS REIT II. Mr. McMillan is a resident of California. Mr. McMillan benefitted from the asset management, selling commissions and other fees paid to the KBS affiliates of which he owns over a fifteen percent stake.
- 27. Defendant David E. Snyder ("Snyder") has served as the Chief Financial Officer of the KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. since 2008. Mr. Snyder was appointed Chief Financial Officer of KBS REIT II and to the Board of Directors in March of 2008. Mr. Snyder is also the Chief Financial Officer of KBS REIT III and a member of the KBS REIT III Board of Directors, and has been in these positions since the inception of KBS REIT II and KBS REIT III. Mr. Snyder is a resident of California and receives salaries from multiple KBS entities.
- 28. Stacie K. Yamane ("Yamane") has been the Chief Financial Officer and Controller, since the Company's inception. Ms. Yamane is also the Senior Vice President/Controller, Portfolio Operations for KBS Realty Advisors. Ms. Yamane was also the Chief Financial Officer and Controller of KBS REIT II until March of 2008 when she became the Chief Accounting Officer of KBS REIT II. She has been a member of the KBS REIT II Board of Directors since the creation of KBS REIT II. Ms. Yamane serves as the Chief Accounting Officer of KBS REIT III and as a member of the KBS REIT III Board of Directors. Ms. Yamane is a resident of California and receives salaries from each KBS REIT.
- 29. Hank Adler ("Adler") has served as an Independent Director on the KBS REIT I
 Board since the Company's inception. Mr. Adler is also an Independent Director on the Boards of
 KBS REIT II and KBS REIT III. Mr. Adler has earned well over for \$430,000 serving on the
 Boards of KBS REIT I, KBS REIT II and KBS REIT III. Mr. Adler receives a yearly salary and
 payments per board meeting from multiple KBS REITs. Mr. Adler is a resident of California.

- 30. Barbara R. Cambon ("Cambon") has served as an Independent Director on the KBS REIT I Board since the Company's inception. Ms. Cambon is also an Independent Director on the Boards of KBS REIT II and KBS REIT III. Ms. Cambon has earned well over \$430,000 serving on the Boards of KBS REIT I, KBS REIT II and KBS REIT III. Ms. Cambon receives a yearly salary and payments per board meeting from multiple KBS entities. Ms. Cambon is a resident of California.
- 31. Stuart R. Gabriel, Ph.D. ("Gabriel") has served as an Independent Director on the KBS REIT I Board since the Company's inception. Mr. Gabriel is also an Independent Director on the Boards of KBS REIT II and KBS REIT III. Mr. Gabriel has earned well over for \$430,000 serving on the Boards of KBS REIT I, KBS REIT II and KBS REIT III. Mr. Gabriel receives a yearly salary and payments per board meeting from multiple KBS entities. Mr. Gabriel is a resident of California.
- 32. Defendants Does 1-50 are fictitious names for individuals or entities that may be responsible for the wrongful conduct and practices that caused harm to the Plaintiff and the other Class Members, the true names and capacities of which are unknown to Plaintiff, but Plaintiff will amend this Complaint when and if the true names of said Defendants become known.
- 33. Plaintiff, upon information and belief, alleges that during the Class Period, Defendants were each the agent and/or joint venturer of the other Defendants, and in performing the acts alleged in this Complaint were acting within the course and scope of that agency and any reference to "Defendant" or "Defendants" shall mean "Defendants and each of them."

V. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

32. The Company's initial public offering was pursuant to a Registration Statement, Prospectus and Amended Registration Statement filed with the SEC on June 23, 2005, January 13, 2006 and August 10, 2005, and the amendments and supplements thereto (collectively, the "Offering Documents"). The Offering Documents were signed by Charles J. Schreiber, Jr. (Chief Executive Officer and Director), Stacie K. Yamane (Chief Financial Officer and Director), Peter McMillan III (Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Director), Hank Adler (Director), Barbara R. Cambon (Director) and Stuart A. Gabriel, Ph.D. (Director).

beginning with the taxable year ending December 31, 2006 and touted that KBS would operate according to its stated objective to "provide [shareholders] attractive and stable cash distributions and preserve and return [shareholders'] capital contributions." Defendants further claimed that they would "use substantially all of the net proceeds from the Offering to invest in a diverse portfolio of real estate assets . ." KBS also explained its primary investment objectives as follows: "to provide you with attractive and stable cash dividends; and to preserve and return your capital contribution. We will also seek to realize growth in the value of our investments by timing property sales to maximize asset value."

34. In nearly every SEC filing, KBS assured investors that:

We intend to acquire and manage a diverse portfolio of real estate assets. We plan to diversify our portfolio by property type, geographic region, investment size and investment risk with the goal of attaining a portfolio of income producing real estate and real estate-related assets that provide attractive and stable returns to investors.

- 35. Indeed, the "Fact Sheet" KBS provided to investors claimed that KBS had a "Distinctive Investment Approach," meaning KBS pursues "an investment strategy that seeks strong, stable cash flows along with the opportunity for enhanced returns by utilizing a unique investment approach" focused on a target allocation of 70% of investments in well-leased, institutionally-owned office buildings with strong in-place rents and minimal rent rollover.
- 36. KBS filings also downplayed the difficulty of selling shares by stating that: "We may return all or a portion of your capital contribution in connection with the sale of the company or the properties we acquire. Alternatively, you may be able to obtain a return of all or a portion of your capital contribution in connection with your shares."
- 37. Defendants also claimed that the consolidated financial statements for unaudited interim periods "include all adjustments necessary to present a fair statement of the results for those periods."

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¹ See Prospectus at F-4. Emphasis is supplied throughout unless otherwise noted.

² See Amendment No. 1 to Form S-11 Registration Statement.

³ See Supplement 7 to the Prospectus, dated November 16, 2006.

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38. In numerous supplements to the Offering Documents and other filings with the SEC, KBS assured investors that its future prospects were even more promising than the results in the quarterly reports. For example, in the Form 10K dated March 31, 2008, KBS insisted that:

Our results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2007 are not indicative of those expected in future periods as we expect that rental income and tenant reimbursements, interest income from real estate loans receivable, parking revenues and other operating income, property operating expenses, asset management fees, depreciation, amortization and net income will each significantly increase in future periods as a result of owning the assets acquired during 2007 for an entire period and as a result of anticipated future acquisitions of real estate.

- 39. Peter M. Bren, President of KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., President of KBS REIT's advisor, KBS Capital Advisors, LLC and Chairman of the Board and President of KBS Realty Advisors LLC gave an interview to Institutional Investor, Inc. in May of 2007, in which he made numerous false and misleading statements and omitted to disclose material information. The interview was re-published by a number of different sources, including Real Estate Finance and Investment Weekly.
- 40. During the course of the May 2007 interview, Bren stated that KBS "expects to have \$2 billion in equity raised [for the REIT] by the end of the first quarter of 2008." He also claimed that, "We're doing something in the neighborhood of \$120 million a month." Mr. Bren also misrepresented that KBS was "averaging on the mezzanine debt side right now 11-12% current cash yield. So that allows us to buy buildings at five [percent cap rates]. We're able to because when you meld the two together we're above the seven percent yield," and "If something does go wrong with the borrower down the road, we just step in immediately and take over the project."
- 41. Defendant Bren said that the KBS strategy of "melding" the buying of top end assets and buying and originating mezzanine debt on real estate "puts us over the 7%" dividend, and that, "It's very, very exciting to do this. It's a whole new thing." He also stated that, "The standards have tightened up considerably but we're very, very excited about this because it's going to take this froth off the market and allow us to acquire buildings at a more reasonable cap rate, or at least it's going to stabilize it here. [The market has] taken that extremely high leverage buyer out of the market."

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- 42. Despite Bren's bullish statements about KBS and touting why investors should purchase KBS REIT shares, KBS attempted to downplay some of Bren's statements in an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus dated June 1, 2007, suggesting that investors not place "undue emphasis" on Bren's numerical statements.
- 43. Contrary to Defendants' claims that KBS would "preserve and return [shareholders'] capital contributions" and in breach of their fiduciary duties, KBS began paying dividends before cash flow from operations justified those distributions. To do so, KBS entered into an amendment to its Advisory Agreement dated April 28, 2009 pursuant to which the Advisor, an affiliate of KBS, would advance the funds necessary to make the premature dividend payments in return for a substantial asset management fee. Entering into this Advisory Agreement was a breach of the KBS Board's duty of loyalty to Plaintiff and the class. The only reason why the Board was interested in paying dividends to investors was so Bren and his affiliated KBS entities could tout that KBS REIT was paying a steady stream of dividends which would allow him to sell additional REIT offerings and pocket millions in sales commissions and advisory fees. The Advisory Agreement was not negotiated at arms-length and stood to benefit KBS REIT's controlling partner at the expense of Plaintiff and the class.
- 44. Investors, however, understandably interpreted the payment of distributions as a sign that the Company was meeting its investment objectives. In reality, the funds KBS earned from operations would never catch up to the premature dividend payments.
- Period, the Company's Board of Directors voted to approve an amended and restated share redemption program, severely curtailing shareholders' rights. Specifically, the Company refused to redeem an investor's shares unless the investor had held the shares for at least one year, except where the shares were being redeemed as a result of the shareholder's death or "qualifying disability." The amended program was subject to additional limitations, including a cap of 5% of the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the prior calendar year. The Company further informed investors that "Based on the Company's budget expenditures, and except with

 respect to redemptions sought upon a stockholder's death or qualifying disability, the Company does not currently expect to have funds available for redemption for the remainder of the year."

- 46. Subsequently, on July 9, 2009, Defendants notified investors of the status of its disastrous investments known as the "Arden Investment." In January 2008, KBS had acquired a \$144.5 million mezzanine loan on a portfolio of Southern California office real estate. The loan went into default in 2009 and as a result, as of June 30, 2009, KBS determined the fair value of its investment in the Arden Portfolio Mezzanine Loans to be \$0.5
- 47. Then, on November 20, 2009, KBS sent a letter to the Company's shareholders notifying them of the following change in applicable financial regulations:

In February 2009, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) issued FINRA Regulatory Notice 09-09 to broker dealers that sell the shares of non-traded REITs. This notice informs broker dealers that they may not report in a customer account statement an estimated value per share that is developed from data more than 18 months old, which in effect requires non-traded REITs to provide broker dealers with an estimated value per share of their common stock within 18 months of the completion of their offering stage. Although we did not anticipate completing the analysis and reporting an estimated value per share of our common stock so soon upon the close of our initial public offering, we are now tasked with reporting an estimated value per share of common stock by the end of November 2009.

48. As a result of the change in regulations, KBS was forced to re-price the value of its shares for the first time, informing investors on November 20, 2009, of a staggering 29% decline in the value of their shares from \$10 per share to approximately \$7.17, valued as of September 30, 2009." Nonetheless, Defendants continued to tout the Company's strong financial outlook, assuring investors that:

Although during the past 24 months market fundamentals have deteriorated along with the U.S. economy, resulting in increased vacancy rates throughout a majority of the U.S. office markets as well as a decline in lease rates, we continue to be pleased with the strong leasing and occupancy level of KBS REIT's portfolio. This is indicative of the quality of the assets in the portfolio, the strength and quality of the tenants in the buildings as well as the exceptional asset management team at KBS Capital Advisors, which is responsible for the operations of the portfolio.

^{*}See Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 26, 2009.

⁵ See Supplement 10 to the Prospectus Dated April 30, 2010.

- 49. Despite Defendants' claims regarding the "strong leasing and occupancy level of KBS's REIT's portfolio," "the quality of assets in the portfolio," "the strength and quality of the tenants" and the "exceptional asset management team," the Company's financial outlook continued to deteriorate. In its 10-Q for the third quarter of 2010, KBS recognized an impairment charge of \$123.5 million for 17 properties within the Company's National Industrial Portfolio Joint Venture for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. KBS continued to pay dividends to its investors.
- 50. In July of 2011, KBS admitted that, "For the year ended December 31, 2010, we had a net loss of \$2.0 million, due primarily to general and administrative costs, operating expenses, depreciation and amortization expenses, real estate acquisition fees to affiliates and non-affiliates, real estate taxes and insurance, and asset management fees to affiliates," but that they expected interest income, rental income and tenant reimbursements to all increase in the future. A close reading of the 2011 quarterly reports, however, warns of decreased occupancy rates and negotiations with the defaulting borrower, Gramercy Capital Corp. ("GKK"), on the original loan for the GKK Properties real estate portfolio.
- 51. KBS held the mezzanine loan on the GKK properties and negotiated with GKK to take over both the ownership and financial obligations of the GKK properties to preserve the value of the original KBS investment. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, all of the interest in the GKK properties and related liabilities securing the GKK mezzanine loan were transferred to KBS no later than December 15, 2011. In the process, KBS incurred costs and expenses in excess of \$20.4 million dollars. KBS also extended its repo debt secured by interests in the GKK Properties resulting in an outstanding balance of approximately \$143 million in remaining obligations.
- 52. With costs continuing to outpace income, on March 20, 2012, KBS approved the suspension of monthly distribution payments to "manage [its] reduced cash flows from operations and redirect available funds to reduce [its] debt."
- 53. On March 26, 2012, Defendants admitted surpassing the limit of debt stipulated in the Offering Documents in their 2011 Annual Report filed with the SEC:

⁵ See KBS Proxy Statement for 2011 Annual Meeting, dated April 11, 2011.
⁷ See KBS Letter to Shareholders, dated March 26, 2012.

Our policies do not limit us from incurring debt until our total liabilities would exceed 75 percent of the cost (before deducting depreciation or other noncash reserves) of our tangible assets . . . Due to the amount of debt that we have assumed . .. we exceeded our charter limitation on total liabilities as of Sept. 30, 2011.

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KBS REIT I Annual Report, p. 41, (2011).

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54. KBS incurred this massive debt in part by paying dividends without regard to whether those payments were justified by actual operations, simply to attract investors and to keep Defendants' scheme afloat. Investors could not have reasonably learned the Company's dire financial state or the motivation behind management's actions prior to the March 2012 announcement of the cancellation of distributions and notice of exceeding the debt limit.

- In addition to the excessive debt-to-assets ratio, the 2011 Annual Report revealed 55. additional material facts concealed or downplayed by the Defendants:
 - KBS experienced reduced cash flows from operations of \$39.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, compared to \$53.4 million in cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily due to decreases in interest income from real estate loans receivable and increases in expenses;
 - KBS took control of the GKK real estate portfolio and related debt when the borrower on the underlying mezzanine loan investment defaulted. KBS was aware that investments with mezzanine financing have higher loan-to-value ratios and less of an equity cushion than investments secured only by first mortgage debt. \$15.9 million of the REIT's operating cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2011 were from the GKK Properties and were consequently restricted for the repayment of principal outstanding under "repo debt" obligations secured by the GKK Properties. As of December 31, 2011 the outstanding balance of the repo debt was approximately \$143 million dollars and with a repayment date by April 28, 2013, resulting in a suspension of KBS dividend payments. KBS cannot access the net operating cash flows of the GKK Properties until the repo debt is entirely paid;
 - KBS recognized \$164.8 million of write downs due to the depreciation of the assets in KBS's portfolio;
 - KBS recognized \$137.6 million of estimated value decreases on debt investments due to lenders choosing to foreclose on equity interests at maturity rather than extend loans as anticipated, thereby causing a decrease in the value of KBS investments;
 - KBS was terminating all distributions and suspending redemption units, providing redemptions only upon a stockholder's death, "qualifying disability" or "determination of incompetence," and even such redemptions were subject to annual dollar maximums and further limitations;

KBS terminated its dividend reinvestment plan, effective April 10, 2012; and

56. As a result, KBS unilaterally cut its valuation per share in the REIT to \$5.16, almost half of the original value.

A. The True Motivation Behind KBS REIT Distributions

57. Defendants hid the true value of the KBS REIT shares and paid unjustified dividends in order to create a history of returns to shareholders that would appeal to future investors. Defendants intended to operate similar REITs and used the purported success of the KBS REIT as a selling point for KBS REIT II and KBS REIT III. The KBS REIT II offering ended in December 2010, and by March of 2012 KBS REIT I stopped paying distributions to its investors and revealed the decrease in share value of over fifty percent. KBS REIT distributions were unjustifiably paid out of capital contributions for as long as necessary to show that KBS REIT was purportedly a safe and sound investment so as to permit the closing of KBS REIT II, but dividends were cut after the Defendants bankrolled their next endeavor. Defendants paid unsustainable dividends in KBS REIT I for the purpose of making the investment appear attractive so they could sell shares in additional REITs. This, however, damaged KBS REIT and this mismanagement led to the decline in value of KBS REIT.

58. Defendants made millions in selling commissions and asset management fees from the KBS REIT II and REIT III offerings:

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KBS REIT	182,681,633	1.8 billion	34,614	19,295	187, 438
KBS REIT III	10,448,043	104.0 million	178	836	14,584

59. Because KBS shares were not publicly traded, and due to Defendants' amendments to the share redemption program, Plaintiff and other members of the Class were essentially locked in after their purchases and could not sell shares at a reasonable rate or react in a self-preserving manner. Even before all of the detrimental investments came to light, Plaintiff and other class members could only sell their shares at a severe discount on a secondary market, and only then if the prospective buyer met the applicable suitability and minimum purchase standards contained in the Prospectus. By the time KBS informed the investors of the true value of its portfolio and the termination of dividends, investors held illiquid and nearly worthless interests in the REIT.

B. The Advisor and Individual Defendants

60. KBS has no employees and its business is managed by KBS Capital Advisors, LLC. During the class period, dividends in excess of 75 percent of KBS REIT's operating cash flow were declared. Since the inception of the KBS REIT, the Individual Defendants controlled the management, policies and public statements regarding the KBS REIT through their individual actions and through KBS Capital Advisors, LLC. The Individual Defendants were each participants, agents, aiders and abettors in the improper acts, schemes and transactions that form the basis of this lawsuit.

61. Since 2006, KBS and the Advisor have acquired billions of dollars worth of real estate. While KBS suspended its dividends and cancelled redemption requests, it still paid over \$62 million to the Advisor in the past few years alone.

Fees to Affiliates

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Harris Harris	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Paid to:
Asset Management Fee	369	5,095	17,508	16,460	15,228	14,546	KBS Capital Advisors
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Other Offering	•				ĺ		Capital
Costs							Advisors
Totals	16,291	86,712	110,191	20,362	17,666	24,839	

fisks relating to the significant conflicts of interest amongst its affiliates, executive officers and directors. The Individual Defendants each serve as an Officer or Director of more than one KBS affiliate. The compensation arrangements amongst these entities are extremely adverse to the shareholders. Millions of dollars in fees have been paid to the Advisor in the form of excessive compensation, manager fees, increased acquisition and asset management fees, and disposition fees upon sales, all while breaching duties owed to the Plaintiff and the Class. (In response to investor backlash, the Advisors have agreed to forego certain of these fees and payments.) Moreover, the fees the Advisor receives in connection with transactions involving the purchase and management of a property are based on the cost of the investment and not based on the quality of the investment or the quality of the services rendered, which encourages the Advisor to recommend higher-priced transactions, which inherently increases KBS's risk profile. The interconnectedness amongst the KBS entities is clarified in the following chart:

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meeting, \$1,000 per teleconference meeting and reimbursement of expenses for meeting attendance. Consequently, the creation of subsequent KBS REITs provided additional positions and income for each of the Individual Defendants.

C. The Dividend Reinvestment Plan

- 64. Beginning in 2006, Defendants commenced offering up to 80,000,000 shares through their Dividend Reinvestment Plan ("DRP"), and had sold 28,206,105 shares worth over 222.6 million dollars as of the closing of the DRP Offering on April 10, 2012. Despite the decline in value of the KBS investments and share price, KBS charged investors \$9.50 per share for the entirety of the Dividend Reinvestment Program Offering period.
- 65. The Form S-3 filed with the SEC on September 25, 2008 admits that Defendants "set the offering price of our shares arbitrarily. This price is unrelated to the book or net value of our assets or to our operating income." The Form S-3 was updated periodically through July 3, 2012, but the share price was never adjusted.
- Although Defendants disclosed that the Board "arbitrarily priced" the DRP shares, 66. they misled investors by disclosing that "three years after the completion of our offering stage, shares issued pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan will be priced at the estimated value per share of our common stock, as determined by our advisor or another firm chosen for that purpose." Thus, Defendants' implicit representation was that the \$9.50 per share price was based on the estimates of the per share value of the KBS common stock.
- Despite acknowledging the unprecedented decline in the real estate industry and cutting the value of the common stock share price, Defendants failed to re-price the DRP shares sold to its investors.
- As a result, the sale of the DRP shares continued at an artificial level, harming the 68. investors in the DRP Class, but providing the KBS Advisors with over twenty-five million dollars in asset management and dealer manager fees through the DRP Offering alone.
- In choosing to invest in the Company, Plaintiff relied on Defendants to make 69. accurate disclosures in order to enable Plaintiff to evaluate the investment objectives of KBS and the risks associated with the offering. As a direct result of Defendants' misconduct, Plaintiff and

other members of the Class have suffered significant financial harm in connection with their purchase of KBS securities.

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Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to California Code of Civil 70. Procedure Section 382:

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on behalf of investors who purchased interests in KBS REIT during the period (a) between March 5, 2008 and April 10, 2012;

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on behalf of all investors who purchased interests in KBS REIT through the **(b)** Dividend Reinvestment Plan during the period between March 5, 2008 and April 10, 2012; and

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(c) on behalf of all owners of KBS common stock.

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71. The members of the Class are located in geographically dispersed areas and are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Although the exact number of Class members is unknown at this time and can only be ascertained through appropriate discovery, Plaintiff believes there are hundreds, if not thousands, of members of the Class who purchased the Company's common stock pursuant to the IPO. In fact, over 171,109,494 shares were sold in the primary offering for gross offering proceeds of \$1.7 billion and, as of December 31, 2011, an additional 26,592,090 shares had been sold under the dividend reinvestment plan for gross offering

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proceeds of \$222.6 million.

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Common questions of law and fact exist as to Plaintiff and to all members of the 72. Class and predominate over any questions affecting solely individual members of the Class. Among the questions of law and fact common to the Class are:

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> (a) whether the Registration Statement, Prospectus and the supplements thereto contained untrue statements of material facts and omissions about KBS:

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> (b) whether each of the Defendants breached fiduciary duties owed to the Class:

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whether the members of the Class have sustained damages and, if so, the proper (c) measure of damages;

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whether the Individual Defendants are personally liable to the Plaintiff and Class (d) members based upon their acts; and

- (c) whether the Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to a reasonable award of attorneys' fees, interests and costs.
- 73. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class as Plaintiff and members of the Class sustained damages arising out of Defendants' wrongful conduct in violation of California law as complained of herein.
- 74. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the Class and has retained counsel competent and experienced in class and securities litigation. Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to, or in conflict with, those of the Class.
- 75. A class action is superior to alternative methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all members of this Class is impracticable. Furthermore, because the damages suffered by individual Class members may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation make it impossible for the Class members individually to redress the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.

<u>COUNT I</u>

(By the Class Against the Individual Defendants) Breach of Fiduciary Duty of Loyalty.

- 76. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 77. The Individual Defendants comprise KBS' Board of Directors and each owed Plaintiff and Class members a duty to act in the best interests of KBS and not their own personal interests. The Individual Defendants had a fiduciary duty to deal fairly with Plaintiffs and Class members and to communicate promptly to them all material facts they knew or should have known about the true nature of the investments in KBS.
- 78. Defendants breached their duty of loyalty to Plaintiff and the class by declaring and causing KBS to pay dividends to investors that were not supported by KBS' profitability. Defendants also breached their duty of loyalty by agreeing to the November 8, 2006 Agreement. The Individual Defendants caused KBS to enter into the Advisory Agreement and to pay dividends

from borrowed funds or newly invested capital for the purpose of making KBS appear to be a safe, secure and well-performing REIT so Bren and the KBS entities he controlled could market and sell additional REIT offerings and earn almost \$200 million in selling fees, commissions and additional management fees. The Advisory Agreement was not negotiated at arms-length and was unfair to KBS investors.

79. The Individual Defendants breached their duty of loyalty to Plaintiff and the class by mismanaging KBS and causing it to enter into unfair agreements with KBS Advisor and KBS Capital Markets and other entities owned and controlled by Bren. The Individual Defendants caused KBS to fail to manage KBS as promised, to "provide [shareholders] attractive and stable cash distributions and preserve and return [shareholders'] capital contributions." Defendants further claimed that they would "use substantially all of the net proceeds from the Offering to invest in a diverse portfolio of real estate assets . . " Instead, the Individual Defendants mismanaged KBS by declaring dividends without a sufficient level of profitability so that KBS would appear as a safe and well-performing REIT so Bren could sell shares in new REITs and pocket tens of millions of dollars in additional selling commissions and management fees.

COUNT II

(By the DRP Class Against All Defendants) <u>Violation of Cal. Corp. Code §§25401 and 25501</u>

- 80. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 81. California Corporation Code §25401 provides that it is unlawful for a person to offer or sell a security by means of any written or oral communication that includes an untrue statement of material fact or omits the statement of material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.
- 82. California Corporation Code §25501 provides that any person who violates §25401 shall be liable to any other person who purchases a security from him, who may sue for rescission or damages.

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- 83. As detailed above, in offering and selling the securities referred to herein, Defendants, and each of them, made untrue statements of material fact and omitted to state material facts to investors and potential investors. Those statements are identified in paragraphs 25 to 35.
- 84. The misstatements and omissions referred to herein were "material facts" within the meaning of Corp. Code §25401 because they were facts that a "reasonable investor" would consider in deciding whether to invest.
- 85. Defendants' offer and sale of securities were by means of misrepresentations and omissions within the meaning of §25401.
- 86. Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions of material fact took place "within the state" of California within the meaning of Corp. Code §25008.
- 87. Defendants' conduct constitutes a violation of California Corporations Code §§25401 and 25501.
- 88. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct Plaintiff has suffered damages.
 - 89. Unless enjoined by this Court, Defendants will continue to violate §25401.

COUNT III

(By the DRP Class Against All Defendants) Violation of Cal. Corp. Code §§25400, 25403 and 25500

- 90. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 91. California Corporation Code §25400(d) makes it unlawful for a person to offer or sell a security by means of any written or oral communication which contains a statement of material fact which was, at the time and in light of the circumstances under which it was made, false or misleading, or which omits a statement of material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.
- 92. California Corporation Code §25500 provides that any person who willfully participates in any transaction in violation of §25400(d) shall be liable to any other person who purchases any security at a price that was affected by such transaction.

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VIII. JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

DATED: March 04, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT B



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Case # CIV1300964

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TITLE OF ACTION:

Judith Woodruff, etc., Pltf. vs. KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., et al. including KBS Capital Advisors, LLC, Dfts.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Summons, Notice(s), Cover Sheet, Complaint, Stipulation, Application,

Statement(s), Form

Name discrepancy noted.

COURT/AGENCY:

Marin County - Superior Court - San Rafael, CA

Case # CIV1300964

NATURE OF ACTION:

Small Claims - plaintiff, on her own behalf and on behalf of the class, prays for judgment against defendants for the damages sustained as a result of the

wrongdoings of defendants

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

The Corporation Trust Company, Wilmington, DE

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

By Process Server on 03/12/2013 at 14:35

JURISDICTION SERVED:

Delaware

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

Within 30 days after service - Answer Complaint // Within 60 days of the filing date of this complaint - File case management conference statement form and ADR information Package // Within 30 days of service - File Responsive pleadings (Kindly

see documents for additional information)

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

Matthew K. Edling Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP 840 Malcolm Road, Suite 200 Burlingame, CA 94010

650-697-6000

REMARKS:

Please note the process server underlined and/or highlighted the entity being

served prior to receipt by CT.

ACTION ITEMS:

SOP Papers with Transmittal, via Fed Ex 2 Day, 799275458108

SIGNED:

The Corporation Trust Company Scott LaScala

PER:

ADDRESS:

1209 Orange Street Wilmington, DE 19801 302-658-7581

TELEPHONE:

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Service of Process **Transmittal**

03/12/2013

CT Log Number 522301117

TO:

Katrina Smith Muirhead, North Carolina Certified Paralegal

DLA Piper US LLP

4141 Parklake Avenue, Suite 300 Raleigh, NC 27612-2350

RE:

Process Served in California

FOR:

KBS Capital Markets Group LLC (Domestic State: CA)

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TITLE OF ACTIONS

Judith Woodruff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Pltf. vs. KBS Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., et al. including KBS Capital Markets

Group, Dfts.

Name discrepancy noted.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Summons, Class Action Complaint, Cover Sheet, Notice of Case Management Conference, Notice(s), Stipulation, Ex Parte Application, Case Management Statement, Proof(s) of Service, Statement, ADR Information Form

COURT/AGENCY:

Marin County - Superior Court - San Rafael, CA

Case # CIV1300964

NATURE OF ACTIONS

Breach of Fiduciary Duty of Loyalty

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

CT Corporation System, Los Angeles, CA

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

By Process Server on 03/12/2013 at 14:45

JURISDICTION SERVED:

California

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

Within 30 days after service - File written response // 5/15/2013 at 9:00 a.m. - Hearing on Failure to File Proof of Service // 6/14/2013 at 9:00 a.m. - Hearing on Failure to Answer // 7/25/2013 at 9:00 a.m. - Case Management Conference // 7/10/2013 - File Case Management Statement // At least 15 days before the CMC -

File and serve Case Management Conference Statement

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

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Suite 200 Burlingame, CA 94010 650-697-6000

REMARKS:

As per the records of the California Secretary of State the only company registered to do business in the State of California beginning with KBS Capital Markets Group is KBS Capital Markets Group LLC. Please note that Page 2 of the Cover Sheet was not

received with the documents at the time of service.

ACTION ITEMS:

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Los Angeles, CA 90017 213-337-4615

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: KBS Real Estate Investment (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): Trust, Inc.; KBS Holdings, LLC; KBS Capital Markets Group; KBS Capital Advisors, LLC; Peter M. Bren; Charles H. Shreiber, Jr; Keith Hall; Peter McMillan III; David E. Snyder and Does 1 through 50.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Judith Woodruff, (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

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MAR - 5 2013

KIM TURNER, Coun Executive Officer MARIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Dy. J. Dale, Deputy

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. may be taken without firsther warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.iawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gow/setfile(i)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for weived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. JAVISOI Lo hen demandado. Si no responde deniro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y pepeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que sa entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una liamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que esta en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haye un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formulados de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayude de las Cortes de California (were sucorte capar), en la bibliotaca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quade más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que la dé un formulado de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte la

que le de un formulano de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presente su respuesta e nempo, puede percer el caso por incumplimiento y la come le podrá quitar su siveldo, dinero y bienes sin más edvertencia. Hay dinos requisitos iegales, Es recomendeble que llame e un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumple con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales grahifios de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de fucro en el sillo web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o ponténdose en contacto con la corte o el colego de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte fiene derecho a reclamar les cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravemen sobre consecución de artificia en un caso de demecho civil. Tiene que cuelquier recuperación de \$10,000 é más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corta antes de que la corta pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the count is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

Superior Court of California, County of Marin

3501 Civic Center Drive P.O. Box 4988

San Rafael, California 94903

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, le dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demendante que no tiene abogado, es):

Matthew K. Edling, SBN 250940 Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP

840 Malcolm Road, Suite 200 Burlingame, CA 94010 DATE: March 5, 2013

Beach to the fit.

Clerk, by

(Secretario)

J. DALE

CASE NUMBER: (Nilmaro del Caso): 14 3 0 0 9 6 4

Deputy (Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citatión use al formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)). NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

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as an individual defendant.

as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):

3. X on behalf of (specify): KBS · Capital Markets

under: CCP 418.10 (corporation)

CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation)

CCP 416.70 (conservatee)

CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) other (specify):

CCP 416.90 (authorized person)

*CCP 416.60 (minor)

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 Check one box below for the case type that 	best describes this case:						
Auto Tort	Contract	Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation					
Auto (22)	Breach of contract/warranty (06)	(Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3,400-3,403)					
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Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort	Other collections (09)	Construction defect (10)					
Asbestos (04)	insurance coverage (18)	Mess tort (40)					
Product liability (24)	Other contract (37)	X Securities litigation (28)					
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Other PI/PDAWD (23)	Wrongful eviction (33)	above listed provisionally complex case types (41)					
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Civil rights (08)	Unlawful Detainer	Enforcement of judgment (20)					
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Fraud (16)	Residential (32)	RICO (27)					
Intellectual property (19)	Drugs (38)	Other complaint (not specified above) (42)					
Professional negligence (25)	Judicial Review	Miscellaneous Civil Petition					
Other non-Pl/PD/WD tort (35)	Asset forfeiture (05)	Partnership and corporate governance (21)					
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 If there are any known related cases, file and Date: March 4, 2013 	serve a notice of related case. (You me	y use form CM-016)					
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NOTICE Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Coun, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions. File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local count rule. If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Count, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all							
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